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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**December 17, 2008**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 1, Richmond, VA.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** David Boehm, L.C.S.W., Ex-officio, Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paula H. Boone, O.D.  
Susan G. Chadwick, Au.D.  
Damien Howell, P.T.  
Vilma Seymour, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Meera Gokli, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board  
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Justin Crow, Research Assistant  
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Germain, VACS  
Ray Taurasi, IAHCMM  
Lorraine Jenkins, VACS  
Erle Shepard, VACS  
Richard Parisi, VASM  
Michelle Sartelle  
Angela Sawyer  
Larry Womack  
Karl Berling

**QUORUM:** With five members present, a quorum was established.

**AGENDA:** No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ray Taurasi, International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCMM), presented public comment in favor of mandated certification of Central Service/Sterile Technicians.

Richard Parisi, M.D., Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine,

presented comment in favor of mandated credentialing of polysomnographic technologists.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Howell moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howell moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 full board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON EMERGING PROFESSIONS:** Justin Crow, Research Assistant, presented a slide presentation on the following emerging professions listed below.

**Central Sterile/Services Technicians**

Mr. Howell moved that the Central Sterile/Services Technicians not be regulated; however, the motion was not seconded.

The Committee took no action.

**Orthopedic Technologists and Orthopedic Physician's Assistants**

Mr. Howell moved that the Orthopedic Technologists and Orthopedic Physician's Assistants not be regulated. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Orthotists, Prosthetists and Pedorthists**

Dr. Boone moved that the Pedorthists not be regulated. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howell moved that the Committee continue its study of the Orthotists and Prosthetists. He specifically requested that staff invite representatives from constituent groups to submit public comment.

Mr. Crow apprised the Board of future ongoing studies: medical interpreters, polysomnographers and surgical assistants and surgical technologists.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request from Mary L. Zoller, MPA**

Mr. Howell moved that the request of Ms. Zoller be referred to the Department of Professional Occupational Regulation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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David R. Boehm, L.C.S.W.  
Ex-Officio, Chair

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Executive Director for the Board